New Railway Zones

283. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have given up creation of new Railway Zones which was proposed in 1996 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision, apart from the financial crunch;

(c) whether any amount has been allocated under the head creation of New Railway Zones ; and

(d) if so, the details of allocations, since 1996 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The amount allocated for setting up of new Railway Zones since 1996 is as under:-

Name of the Zonal Headquarters	Fund allocation (Rs. in 200 crores)					
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
East Central Zone/ Hajipur	-	5.24	4.50	0.80	0.31	0.555
East Coast Zone/ Bhubaneswar	-	5.24	4.50	0.60	0.30	0.50
North Central Zone/ Allahabad	-	5.24	4.00	0.80	0.30	0.50
North Western Zone/ Jaipur	-	5.24	4.50	0.62	0.90	0.70
South Western Zone/ Hubli	-	5.24	4.50	0.80	0.30	0.47
West Central Zone/ Jabalpur	-	5.24	4.00	0.60	0.35	0.50
Bilaspur Zone/ Bilaspur	-	-	0.10	3.00	0.50	0.10